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April 10th, 1918

W. F. Kerr, Esq.,

Cobourg, Ont.

Dear Mr. Kerr:

I have read with very great interest the Report of the Educational Committee of the Bar Association and have to thank you for your kindness in sending it to me. I am keeping the copy of the report for future reference. I agree with a great deal that you say in the report, but I am sorry that you do not see your way to recommend that the Osgoode Law School should be more closely connected with the University of Toronto. Such a connection would not by any means imply that the School would have to be removed from its contiguity to the Law Courts nor any breach in the privileges which they now enjoy. On the other hand I believe that by becoming a Faculty of the Universit a very great deal would be done in increasing the idea of making the study of law much more severely scientific and even thoroughly practica as in the Case System. There is no doubt that medical education has gone forward with leaps and bounds since it was taken over by the University of Toronto. Engineering education also is improving rapidly and the fact of being connected with a great University must I believe react favourably on the quality of the work done from the teaching point of view. Unless steps are taken immediately the Dominion legal education will lag badly behind that of the United State McGill is now getting a very strong Faculty of Law. The new Universities of the West also are having Faculties, and I think it

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would be a pity were the impetus that comes with the intimate connection with a great teaching centre lost by such a noble profession as the legal profession which has historically such intimate relations with the University of Toronto.

Again assuring you of my thanks, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 15th, 1918

W. F. Kerr, Esq.,

Cobourg, Ont.

Dear Mr. Kerr:

I should like very much to have a copy of the History of the Harvard Law School, but I have not Mr. Criswell's address. If you would be kind enough to ask him to send me a copy, I shall be much indebted to you, and of course I will bear any expense.

I had an article from Mr. Rawle of Philadelphia some weeks ago in which he set forth the history of the Harvard Law School of the last hundred years. Mr. Lash is very much interested in this subject and I would suggest that you correspond with him in regard to legal education. He has had some correspondence with Mr. Rawle on the matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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16 April, 1918.

Dear Sir Robert:-

I am writing Mr. Grinnell to-day asking him to send you a copy of the history of the Harvard Law School. There will be no expense. They are kindness itself and are only too pleased to put others in touch with their views. The article from Mr. Rawle of Philadelphia is no doubt founded on the history of the Harvard Law School published last year.

I had already written Mr. Lash and sent him a copy of my article and he told me in replying that he had a copy of the history of the Harvard Law School.

With kind regards.

Yours very sincerely,

W. Kerr

Sir Robert Falconer,
President University of Toronto,
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May 1st, 1918

W. F. Kerr, Esq., LL.B.,

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Dear Sir:

I am directed by Sir Robert Falconer to thank you for the copy of the "History of the Harvard Law School" which has just come.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.